

equally divided among and controlled by Representative McCaul, Representative Meeks, and Representative Gaetz or their respective designees; and that the provisions of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution, 50 U.S.C. 1546, shall not apply to House Concurrent Resolution 20. **Page H1161**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:19 p.m. and reconvened at 5:31 p.m. **Page H1194**

Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Syria: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 21, directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Syria, by a yea-and-nay vote of 103 yeas to 321 nays, Roll No. 136.

Pages H1173–80, H1194–95

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, March 7th.

Department of Veterans Affairs Creation of On-Site Treatment Systems Affording Veterans Improvements and Numerous General Safety Enhancements Act: H.R. 753, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use on-site regulated medical waste treatment systems at certain Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 137. **Pages H1195–96**

Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act: The House considered H.R. 140, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 9th.

Pages H1180–94, H1196–98

Agreed to:

Clyde amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that requires the Attorney General to submit an annual report to Congress evaluating the compliance of the Federal Government with the Protecting Free Speech from Government Interference Act; **Pages H1186–87**

Comer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that makes technical edits and adds a conforming clarification for the authorities of the Office of the Special Counsel to ensure that the Act’s monetary civil penalties under new section 7382(c)(2) can be fully enforced; **Pages H1187–88**

Bishop (NC) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that ensures that law enforcement can only take action against unlawful speech; **Pages H1188–89**

Good amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that clarifies enforcement of obscene matters not protected by the First Amendment; **Page H1191**

Ogles amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that revises the disciplinary action consisting of removal, reduction in grade, debarment from federal employment for a period not to exceed 10 years, suspension, or reprimand; and **Pages H1193–94**

Ogles amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that revises the civil penalty for senior government officials to be \$50,000. **Page H1194**

Rejected:

Perry amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that sought to ensure that federal employees entering into collective bargaining agreements using taxpayer funded time (Section 7131) are prohibited from engaging in censorship of private entities (by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 138); and **Pages H1189–91, H1196–97**

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 118–7) that sought to strike section 2(e) (by a recorded vote of 209 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 139). **Pages H1192–93, H1197**

H. Res. 199, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 140), the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 25) and the bill (S. 619) was agreed to, as amended, by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 135, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 134. **Pages H1161–73**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1171–72, H1172–73, H1195, H1195–96, H1196–97, and H1197.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Committee Meetings

A REVIEW OF TITLE VIII: FORESTRY STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Forestry held a hearing entitled “A Review of Title VIII: Forestry Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY 1

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 1”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights. Testimony was heard from Patrick N. Findlay, Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representative Landsman.

APPROPRIATIONS—CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Congressional Budget Office. Testimony was heard from Phillip L. Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Radewagen, Omar, Sherman, and Manning.

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U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in North and South America”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Melissa G. Dalton, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Hemispheric Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense; General Glen D. VanHerck, Commander, U.S. Northern Command; and General Laura J. Richardson, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

FY24 STRATEGIC FORCES POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY24 Strategic Forces Posture”. Testimony was heard from John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Pol-

icy, Department of Defense; General Anthony Cotton, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, U.S. Air Force; General James Dickinson, Commander, U.S. Space Command, U.S. Army; and General Glen D. VanHerck, Commander, U.S. Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Air Force.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 734, the “Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5, the “Parents Bill of Rights Act”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on H.R. 1338, the “Satellite and Telecommunications Streamlining Act”; H.R. 675, the “Secure Space Act of 2023”; H.R. 1339, the “Precision Agriculture Satellite Connectivity Act”; H.R. 682, the “Launch Communications Act”; H.R. 1353, the “Advanced, Local Emergency Response Telecommunications Parity Act”; H.R. 1345, the “NTIA Policy and Cybersecurity Coordination Act”; H.R. 1354, the “Information and Communication Technology Strategy Act”; H.R. 1370, the “Communications Security Advisory Act of 2023”; H.R. 1360, the “American Cybersecurity Literacy Act”; H.R. 1340, the “Open RAN Outreach Act”; H.R. 1343, the “ITS Codification Act”; H.R. 1377, the “Promoting U.S. Wireless Leadership Act”; and H.R. 1341, the “Spectrum Coordination Act”. H.R. 675 and H.R. 682 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 1338, H.R. 1339, H.R. 1353, H.R. 1345, H.R. 1354, H.R. 1370, H.R. 1360, H.R. 1340, H.R. 1343, H.R. 1377, and H.R. 1341 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 501, the “Block, Report, and Suspend Suspicious Shipments Act”; H.R. 498, the “9–8–8 Lifeline Cybersecurity Responsibility Act”; H.R. 485, the “Protecting Health Care for All Patients Act of 2023”; H.R. 467, the “Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act”; and H.R. 801, the “Securing the Border for Public Health Act of 2023”. H.R. 501 and H.R. 801 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 498, H.R. 485, and H.R. 467 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Federal Reserve’s Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report”. Testimony was heard from Jerome Powell, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

HOLDING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABLE FOR WASTEFUL SPENDING AND REGULATORY OVERREACH

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Holding the Biden Administration Accountable for Wasteful Spending and Regulatory Overreach”. Testimony was heard from Mark Bialek, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; Richard Delmar, Acting Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; and Rebecca Sharek, Deputy Inspector General for Audits, Evaluations, and Special Projects, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

DURING AND AFTER THE FALL OF KABUL: EXAMINING THE ADMINISTRATION'S EMERGENCY EVACUATION FROM AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “During and After the Fall of Kabul: Examining the Administration’s Emergency Evacuation from Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEMBER DAY: COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day: Committee on House Administration”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bucshon, Krishnamoorthi, Cohen, Armstrong, Spanberger, Roy, Jayapal, Tlaib, and Tenney.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 197, providing for the Expenses of Certain Committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, and other Committee business. Committee Resolutions on House Intern Allocation, Franked Mail Allowances, MRA Revised Formula, and the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates were adopted. H. Res. 197 was ordered reported, as amended.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND STRATEGIC COMPETITION WITH CHINA: PART I

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Intellectual Property and Strategic Competition with China: Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING CONSERVATION WITH A PURPOSE ON AMERICA'S FEDERAL LANDS AND FORESTS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Promoting Conservation with a Purpose on America’s Federal Lands and Forests”. Testimony was heard from Joel Ferry, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, Utah; and public witnesses.

BENEFITS AND ACCESS: THE NECESSITY FOR MULTIPLE USE OF WATER RESOURCES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing entitled “Benefits and Access: The Necessity for Multiple Use of Water Resources”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INVESTIGATING THE ORIGINS OF COVID-19

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Investigating the Origins of COVID-19”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FORCE MULTIPLIERS: EXAMINING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO DISRUPT TRANSNATIONAL CRIME AT THE BORDER AND BEYOND

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Force Multipliers: Examining the Need for Additional Resources to Disrupt Transnational Crime at the Border and Beyond”. Testimony was heard from Diane J. Sabatino, Deputy Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and Anthony Salisbury, Deputy Executive Associate Director, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL: WHY DEPLETING THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE IS NOT A SOLUTION TO AMERICA'S ENERGY PROBLEM, PART I

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Burning the Midnight Oil: Why Depleting the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is Not a Solution to America’s Energy Problem, Part I”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCES IN AI: ARE WE READY FOR A TECH REVOLUTION?

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Advances in AI: Are We Ready for a Tech Revolution?”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INNOVATION THROUGH COLLABORATION: THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S ROLE IN THE U.S. RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Innovation Through Collaboration: The Department of Energy’s Role in the U.S. Research Ecosystem”. Testimony was heard from Harriet Kung, Deputy Director for Science Programs, Office of Science, Department of Energy; James L. Reuter, Associate Administrator for Space Technology Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Michael C. Morgan, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Environmental Observation and Prediction, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and Sean L. Jones, Assistant Director for Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation.

SMALL BUSINESS PERSPECTIVES ON THE IMPACTS OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES (WOTUS) RULE

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Small Business Perspectives on the Impacts of the Biden Administration’s Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PIPELINE SAFETY: REVIEWING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PIPES ACT OF 2020 AND EXAMINING FUTURE SAFETY NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous

Materials held a hearing entitled “Pipeline Safety: Reviewing Implementation of the PIPES Act of 2020 and Examining Future Safety Needs”. Testimony was heard from Tristan Brown, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Joint Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee designated the Chair and Vice Chair, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

BUSINESS MEETING

Joint Committee on Printing: Committee designated the Chair and Vice Chair, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 118th Congress.

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS: VFW, JWV, WWP, TAPS, MOAA, AMVETS, GSW, MOPH, BVA, NACVSO

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations, after receiving testimony from Timothy M. Borland, Ryan Gallucci, Patrick Murray, Michael Figlioli, and Deborah Johnson, all of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; Colonel Nelson L. Mellitz, USAF (Ret.), Jewish War Veterans of the USA; Lieutenant General Michael S. Linnington, USA (Ret.), Wounded Warrior Project; Bonnie Carroll, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors; Cory Titus, Military Officers Association of America; Don McLean, AMVETS; Tamra Sipes, Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.; Christopher Vedvick, Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A.; Joseph D. McNeil, Sr., Blinded Veterans Association; and Michael McLaughlin, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.